

MINUTES OF THE HENRY'S FORK DISTRIBUTION MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 1993
MCKINNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLHOUSE, MCKINNON, WYOMING

THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Clyde Hanks
Ken Hanks
John Yarbrough
Earl Hanks
John Teichert
Jon C. Wilde
Mark Anderson
Wade Stephens
Kim Stoll
Fay Wadsworth
Glen Wadsworth
Jack Hickey
Mike Gamble
Gino Foianini
Jack Buckley
Duane Beck
Jim Hickey
Ralph Johnson
John S. Larsen
Bob Leake
Lee Sim

REPRESENTING

Earl Hanks
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Wyoming Board of Control
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CONVENED & CONDUCTED: The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. and was conducted by Lee Sim, Distribution Engineer for the State of Utah, Division of Water Rights.

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 6, 1992 meeting were read by Jon Wilde. No corrections were needed to the minutes. Jack Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Earl Hanks seconded the motion, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Lee Sim then presented the financial report for the Burnt Fork-Birch Creek System. At the beginning of the year there was a balance of \$536.96 In the trust account. We collected \$600.00 In regular assessments, \$1.00 in delinquent penalties, and earned interest in the amount of \$26.77 for a total of \$627.77. Expenditures were \$1,163.48 leaving a balance of distribution funds in the amount of \$1.25. There were no delinquent accounts on this system.

Mr Sim then presented the financial report for the Beaver Creek Distribution System. At the beginning of the year there was a balance of \$967.32 in the trust account. We collected \$950.00 In regular assessments, \$1.00 In delinquent penalties, and earned interest in the amount of \$33.10 for a total of \$984.10. Expenditures were \$1950.30 leaving a balance of \$1.12. There were no delinquent accounts on this system. Mr. Sim called for

acceptance of the financial reports. Jack Buckley moved for acceptance, Jon Wilde seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Sim stated that the financial report will be combined next year and that all funds will be assessed through the Utah State Engineer's office. Funds collected will be given to the Wyoming State Engineer who will pay the commissioner's salary and other expenses.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Jim Hickey then presented his commissioner's report for the 1992 water year. He reported that he kept records of the discharge from Hoop Lake this year. A broken bolt caused the outlet works to close down and a diver was hired to repair the gate so water could be released from the reservoir. Mr. Hickey then discussed needed improvements on both systems. On the Beaver Creek System, a flume and headgate on the lower turnout of the East Hickey Ditch need to be installed. The Gregory Basin Ditch needs a flume and lockable headgates on all turnouts. Gregory Basin Ditch leaks need to be repaired along the Hoop Lake Road. The Gregory Basin Ditch needs a flume to be installed where it dumps into Burntfork Creek. The Homestead Ditch needs a locking headgate. Langton #1 Ditch flume needs a gage installed. Langton #2 Ditch needs a flume installed. Nielson Ditch flume leaks. Lamb Creek needs a flume installed. East, West and Middle Beaver Creek have abandoned ditches that need point of diversion changes done.

On the Burntfork System, the Wyman Ditch needs a lockable headgate. On the Midway Ditch the bottom of the flume has rusted through. The Baldy Springs Ditch needs a flume where the headgate is located that turns water back into the creek. On the Home Ditch a flume needs repair. The commissioner recommended that a larger one be installed to replace the existing one. Preemption Ditch needs a lockable headgate.

Jim then discussed concerns he has with the water users about communication with them. He stated that he controls the headgates not the supply of water. If the water users have questions concerning the dividing of the water they should call him with their problems first and, if they are not satisfied, then they can call the state engineer secondly. He said water users should consider the diurnal effect in the flow of the water in the streams before they call him for a new setting on the headgates. If improvements are needed on a joint ditch then the water users should get together and help finance the improvements needed to regulate the water. Jim also mentioned that a motor vehicle and a motorbike and been purchased for him so he could get around to all the diversions on these systems. Jim thanked Kim Stoll for the help he was to him this year and to all the water users for the cooperation shown.

Earl Hanks asked if the improvements mentioned on the system would be seen this upcoming year. Jim indicated that headgates will be repaired during the year as needed.

Ken Hanks made a request for a person to fill in for the commissioner during the irrigation season when Jim Hickey is not available to regulate the water on both sides of the stateline of Utah and Wyoming. Jim indicated that if there is a problem when he is gone, the water users should contact Bob Leake of the Utah State Engineer's office in Vernal.

A recommendation for approval of the commissioner's report was requested by Lee Sim. A motion was made by Earl Hanks to accept the report and seconded by Jack Buckley. Motion carried.

1993 ASSESSMENT: The upcoming assessment was then discussed by Lee Sim. The total assessment for both systems would be \$2100.00 With few changes occurring for the next two years. Jon Wilde asked that a report be prepared by the Wyoming State Engineer's office as to how the money assessed is being spent. Frank Carr stated that they would provide a report to the water users at the 1994 meeting.

SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Sim indicated there was a need for two people to represent the water users from the two main branches of the system. Jack Buckley from the Beaver Creek branch and Bob Gamble from the Burnt Fork/Birch Creek branch had been serving in this capacity and agreed to continue.

MAPPING PROJECT: Frank Carr then asked to discuss the mapping project for Wyoming and Utah of the Birch Creek - Beaver Creek drainages. He stated that the State of Wyoming ran out of money this last year for the project and asked that water users lobby their representatives for more money for the project in the next legislative session.

Ken Hanks then asked about the 3.0 Acre-feet per acre duty for irrigation and how the supplemental rights are being used. He would like to see better enforcement of the rights on these systems.

He said mapping along the Utah-Wyoming border needs to be done as soon as possible which would help resolve issues between the Utah and Wyoming users. Lee Sim said that the Utah State Engineer and Wyoming State Engineer's offices are working towards completing the mapping project as quickly as can be done.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting then adjourned at 6:10 p.m.